

**U.S. Embassy Dakar  
Consular Section**

**Security Message for U.S. Citizens:  
Possible Demonstrations in Dakar October 24 and through the weekend**

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The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens in Senegal that demonstrations are possible in the Dakar area today and throughout the local holiday weekend of Tabaski. Supporters of a well-known religious leader demonstrated on his behalf last Friday and Monday. Demonstrations turned particularly violent, with protesters randomly vandalizing dozens of cars, store fronts, and throwing rocks. Several injuries were also reported. The Senegalese police have increased their presence in downtown Dakar, the Rebeuss prison area, and Corniche and surrounding locales in the Plateau area. Protesters may choose less secure locales around the city for demonstrations. U.S. citizens are urged to exercise caution if traveling in the Dakar area on October 24 and throughout the local holiday weekend. Stay tuned to media reports, maintain situational awareness, consider alternate travel routes in case of blockage, and avoid demonstrations should you come upon them.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Dakar](#) website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warning, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). If you don't have internet access, you can get current information on safety and security by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal or Guinea-Bissau, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to [consulardakar@state.gov](mailto:consulardakar@state.gov). The Embassy telephone number is +221 33 829-2100. For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 33-829-2209 and ask to speak to the duty officer.